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SUBJECT: LUNCHEON WITH COPEI PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

1. I GAVE A LUNCHEON TODAY FOR COPEYANO PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE LORENZO FERNANDEZ. IT WAS ATTENDED BY ACTING PRESIDENT OF THE PARTY GODOFREDO GONZALEZ, FORMER AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON JULIO SOSA, PARTY SECRETARY GENERAL PEDRO PABLO AQUILAR AND HIS DEPUTY EDUARDO FERNANDEZ, PLUS OSWALDO ALVAREZ PAZ, A MEMBER OF THE COPEI NATIONAL COMMITTEE, AND BERNARDO LEVEL OSUNA, THE COPEI INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY. FORTUNATELY, SENATE STAFFDEL HOLT WAS ABLE TO ATTEND.

2. IN A LENGTHY CONVERSATION ALONE WITH LORENZO FERNANDEZ, HE WAS EXCEEDINGLY FRIENDLY AND EXUDED CONFIDENCE AS TO HIS CHANCES OF BECOMING VENEZUELA'S NEXT PRESIDENT. HE SAID THAT SO FAR AS FOREIGN INVESTMENT WAS CONCERNED, HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO CONTINUE SEEKING THE AID OF FOREIGN CAPITAL, KEEPING IN MIND, HOWEVER, VENEZUELA'S NATIONAL INTEREST. HE SEEMED QUITE RECEPTIVE TO MY STANDARD TALK ABOUT REACHING A LONG- TERM ENERGY AGREEMENT. FERNANDEZ SAID THAT HE AT LAST WAS FIRMLY CONVINCED THAT NEITHER USG NOR THIS EMBASSY WAS INVOLVED IN ANY WAY IN SUPPORTING ONE

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CANDIDATE OR ANOTHER IN THE FORTHCOMING PRESIDENTIAL AND
CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS. HOWEVER, HE DID SUSPECT THAT SOME
AMERICAN OIL COMPANIES WERE SUPPORTING HIS PRINCIPAL OPPONENT,
CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ.
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